

Personal information

Name: Jorge Antonio Urbina Ortega
Nationality: Costa Rican
Place of birth: Alajuela, Costa Rica
Date of birth: 2 May 1946

Current duties

- Co-Agent of Costa Rica before the International Court of Justice in the case between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.
- Representative of Costa Rica in the Hague Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court.
- Representative of Costa Rica on the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.
- Representative of Costa Rica at the Hague Conference on Private International Law.
- Representative of Costa Rica to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.
- Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Academic training and membership of professional bodies

1973 University of Costa Rica, honours degree (*Licenciatura*) in law.

Since 1973 Member of the Costa Rican Bar Association.

1974 University of Bordeaux, France. Candidate for University Doctorate, Law of International Cooperation.

 Institute of Political Studies, University of Bordeaux, France, Candidate for Third Cycle of Political Studies.

Professional career

- Professor and Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Costa Rica.
- Professor, School of Political Science, University of Costa Rica.
- Professor, School of International Relations, National University, Heredia, Costa Rica.
- Alternate Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations, New York.
- Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Costa Rica. Responsible for coordination of the Costa Rican team taking part in the Contador peacemaking process in Central America.
- Executive President, Institute for Municipal Promotion and Advice, Government of Costa Rica.
- Information Minister, Government of Costa Rica.

- Consultant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), providing support to the peace negotiations in Colombia during the administration of President Andrés Pastrana.
- Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.
- Representative of Costa Rica on the Security Council; Representative of Costa Rica in the New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court.
- Leader of the Security Council Mission to Haiti.
- Chair of the Committee established pursuant to Security Resolution 1540, responsible for preventing the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in the hands of non-States actors.
- Facilitator of the open-ended Working Group responsible for drafting a strategy on assistance and support to victims of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations staff and related personnel.
- Consultant to the United Nations Development Programme.
- Consultant to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).
- Consultant to the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).
- Consultant to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and to non-governmental organizations.

Relevant addresses and speeches

- United Nations General Assembly: The Scope and Application of Universal Jurisdiction.
- Third Committee of the UN General Assembly: Thematic Debate, Human Rights.
- Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly: The Rule of Law at National and International Level.
- Security Council: The International Criminal Court.
- Security Council: The International Tribunals.
- Security Council: The Protection of Civilians.
- Security Council: Women, Peace and Security.
- Security Council: Children and Armed Conflict.
- Security Council: Peacekeeping Operations.
- Security Council: The Commission for the Consolidation of Peace.

Languages

Spanish: mother tongue
 French
 English.
